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Sir:

In response to the final Office action of 21 October 2004, please amend the above referenced application as follows and/or reconsider the application in light of the following remarks. This paper is being filed within two months of the mailing of the final Office action.

This paper includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

- 1. Amendments to and/or listing of the claims; and
- 2. Remarks / Discussion of issues: and
- 3. Credit card authorization for additional independent claim (\$200).

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